scendants of oustees have been employed in DVC in Group 'C' posts.

Introduction of Train between Jasidih and Ranchi

3610. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no train between Santhal Parganas and Ranchi;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to start an evening or night train from Jasidih to Ranchi and vice-versa;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposed train service is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 5027/5028 Ranchi-Gorakhpur Maurya Express provides direct train service between Jasidih and Ranchi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

New Coal Company in Bihar

3611. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a standing demand for setting up of a new company to develop coal mines in Bihar by separating Bihar from Eastern Coalfied;

(b) if so, the action taken on the demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) It has been suggested that a new company consisting of Rajmahal, S.P. Mines-Kankartola, Nirsa and Kapasara coalfields from Eastern Coalfields Limited should be formed under Coal India Limited. The suggestion was not accepted as except for Rajmahal coalfield, other coalfields show no anticipated growth in coal production and the total production from these coalfields has been below the minimum production norm of twenty million tonnes for considering formation of a new company.

Superfast Trains on Delhi-Jaipur Route

3612. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start more superfast trains on Delhi-Jaipur route in view of rush of tourists on this section; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Additional Bogies in Trains Linking Delhi with Ghaziabad, Meerut and Faridabad

3613. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of bogies in trains connecting Ghaziabad, Meerut, Faridabad is inadequate as compared to density of passenger traffic and passengers have to travel on the roof of the bogies as a result thereof; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air Strip in Sikkim

3614. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sikkim is the only State without any air link;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Sikkim for the construction of air strip in Sikkim;

(c) if so, whether the site has been selected there;

(d) if so, when an airstrip is likely to be constructed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?